



The African American History Act Summary

A multiracial democracy that ensures the social, economic, and political rights of all in the United States requires us to tell the full truth about our country's history. The truth should always be available to all and inspire us to move towards the direction of knowledge and a true democracy. Education and literacy play key roles in ensuring all of us have access to high quality and historically accurate information. Most importantly, educating our youth with truth ensures that they are rooted in tolerance, love and justice for humanity, not fear or hate.

Rep. Bowman's *African American History Act* **invests \$10 million over 5 years in the National Museum of African American History and Culture (NMAAHC) to support African American history education programs that are voluntarily available for students, parents, and educators.**

The bill funds a variety of activities, all of which will **allow the NMAAHC to continue supporting educators, students, and families in learning about African American history.** As a result of this bill, the NMAAHC will be able expand and improve upon their work in a variety of ways, including:

- Developing and maintaining a variety of accessible resources to promote an understanding of African American history. This includes a collection of digital content, housed on the NMAAHC website, to assist educators, students, and families across the country in teaching about and engaging with African American history.
- Engaging with local and state leaders interested in incorporating these resources in curricula
- Engaging with the public through programming, resources, and social media to increase awareness of African American history through a social justice and anti-bias lens
- Convening experts and creating and disseminating scholarly work
- Translating new and existing NMAAHC work into multiple languages

Further, **the bill supports the NMAAHC's work to increase national capacity for African American history education, including:**

- Developing and disseminating high quality pedagogy related to teaching African American history



- Providing opportunities for Professional Development for early childhood, elementary, and secondary teachers
- Designing and implementing a teacher fellowship program

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